

Municipal Court exists to serve the citizens of the community by impartially upholding the law and facilitating the interests of justice for all citizens in a thorough and fair manner.

Overview

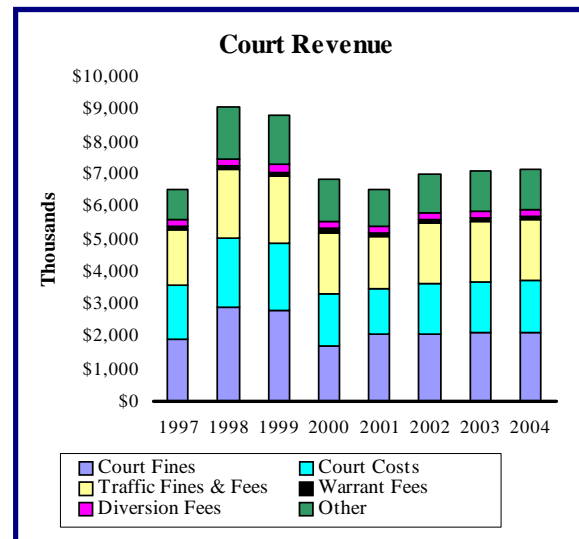
Municipal Court is organized into Court Clerk's Office and Probation. The Court Clerk's Office is responsible for processing transactions related to court and traffic records. The Probation Office assists judges in defendant evaluation and monitoring of prisoners and probationers.

Municipal Court operates three traditional courtrooms. A Video Court is also used to arraign prisoners from the County jail via a video connection. Hearings for traffic violations are held in an Administrative Traffic Court, and environmental cases are heard in a rotating Neighborhood Court. Specialized dockets have been established for driving under the influence (DUI), criminal, domestic violence and traffic offenses.

Finance and Operations

Municipal Court is responsible for collecting court-imposed fines, fees and penalties. Revenues include court fines, traffic fines and fees, diversion fees, court costs, warrant fees and other revenues. The revenues offset a portion of the costs for adjudication, prosecution and enforcement efforts of Municipal Court, the Law Department and the Police Department. A collection agency is utilized for aggressive collection of fines and fees. Additional funding was included in the 2002 Revised budget to continue aggressive collection efforts.

In 1999, the Municipal Court initiated a Work Program. Defendants are offered the opportunity to either pay their fines or participate in community service work activities to work-off the fine at a rate of \$5 per hour. During 2001, there were 395 participants that worked 2,834 hours.



Court Clerk's operations includes docket clerks and judges who staff court rooms; customer service clerks who assist citizens either on the telephone or in-person; file clerks who assist in general docket preparation and file processing and other positions that support the general administration of the Court.

A contract for public defenders to serve indigent defendants is also funded. The costs for indigent defense are partially offset by a \$4 per case assessment and co-payments from the defendants.

Probation is comprised of eight probation officers and eight support staff. Staff monitors defendants sentenced to probation to ensure compliance of

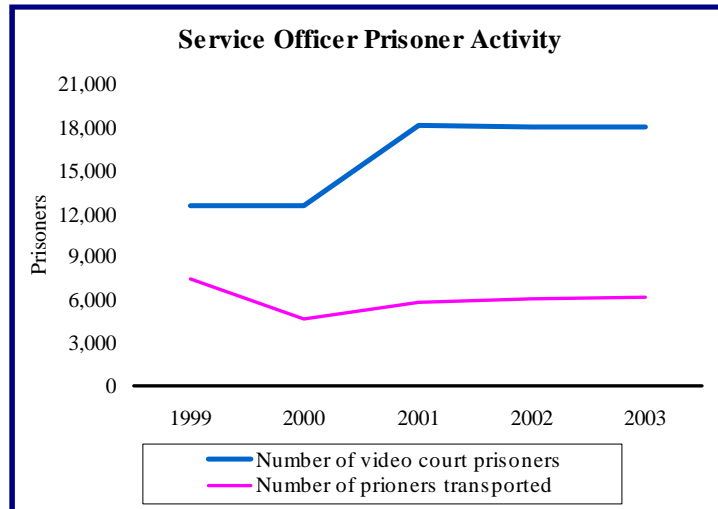
Selected Service Level Measures in Probation				
	2000	2001	2002	2003
Pre-sentence evaluations	2,306	2,131	2,505	2,338
Defendants fingerprinted	2,453	2,450	2,500	2,500
New probation cases	4,943	4,657	5,090	5,242
Probation cases closed	3,960	5,066	7,706	3,000

all requirements; performs pre-sentence investigations ordered by the judges, which assists the judges during sentencing; collects restitution and fingerprints defendants. The Probation office supervises four Service

Officers, funded by the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The Service Officers focus on prisoner transportation duties and video arraignment.

A drug court was established in 1995 and remains the only operating drug court in Kansas. The court operates under the philosophy that a court team can provide better opportunity for long-term changes in drug users. The goal is to break the recurring cycle of repeat offenders. One method of monitoring the participants is with random urine analysis

(UA). Additional funding for UA supplies is included in 2002 for the increased number of tests. A drug court software program is planned for implementation in 2002. The software will consolidate defendants' information, providing the drug court team one centralized access point.



Additional automation changes include the replacement of the public safety system in 2002 and the implementation of an interactive voice response system. The integrated public safety system offers a centralized database to be shared and utilized by Police, Prosecution and Court. The public safety system will utilize bar code and drivers' license scanning, imaging and the Internet. The interactive voice response system will improve the dissemination of court information and will be implemented upon completion of the new public safety system.

Highlights

- ✓ Additional funding for continue aggressive fine and fee collection efforts was included in 2002.
- ✓ Implementation of the new integrated public safety system and imaging technology is projected for fourth quarter 2002.

Municipal Court Budget Summary

	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2002 Revised	2003 Adopted	2004 Approved
Personal Services	2,652,806	2,906,390	2,903,220	3,028,830	3,148,980
Contractual Services	1,457,180	1,534,240	1,542,160	1,565,230	1,571,130
Commodities	65,436	93,320	93,320	89,480	89,480
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	8,750	0
Other	0	0	0	27,960	27,960
Total Local Expenditures	4,175,422	4,533,950	4,538,700	4,720,250	4,837,550
General Fund	4,175,422	4,533,950	4,538,700	4,720,250	4,837,550
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	137,183	169,300	134,506	52,000	0
ADSAP Fund	186,920	186,920	165,485	165,485	165,485
Total full-time positions	70	70	70	70	70
Total part-time positions	31	31	31	31	31
Total FTE positions	74	74	74	74	74